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C O N F I D E N T I A L MANAGUA 3809

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TAGS: SWEL, ELAB, NU
SUBJECT: SUSPENSION OF SALARY PAYMENTS TO STRIKING HOSPITAL WORKERS

REF: MANAGUA 3780

1. THE NATIONAL BOARD OF SOCIAL ASSISTANCE AND WELFARE (JNAPS), THE SOCIAL SECURITY INSTITUTE (INSS) AND THE LOCAL BOARD OF SOCIAL ASSISTANCE OF MANAGUA (JLASM) TODAY (16 AUGUST) ISSUED A COMMUNIQUE ANNOUNCING THAT, EFFECTIVE 17 AUGUST, NO FURTHER SALARY PAYMENTS WILL BE MADE TO STRIKING HOSPITAL WORKERS. THE COMMUNIQUE STATES THAT, CURRENTLY, SALARIES CONTINUE TO BE PAID ALTHOUGH NO WORK IS PERFORMED.

2. THE COMMUNIQUE REITERATES THE AUTHORITIES OFFER OF A 16 PERCENT SALARY INCREASE, CITING THE ADDITIONAL COST TO HEALTH BUDGET OF APPROXIMATELY 32 MILLION CORDOBAS (4.5 MILLION DOLLARS) ANNUALLY. THE WORKERS ARE DEMANDING A 55 PERCENT INCREASE WHICH, THE COMMUNIQUE STATES,
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WOULD INCREASE COSTS BY APPROXIMATELY 107 MILLION CORDOBAS (15.29 MILLION DOLLARS) ANNUALLY.

3. COMMENT: THE HOSPITAL STRIKE SEEMS NO CLOSER TO RESOLUTION. THE GON AND ITS VARIOUS AUTONOMOUS ENTITIES ARE CURRENTLY SUFFERING AN EXTREME LIQUIDITY CRISIS AND ANY INCREASED OPERATING COSTS FOR HOSPITALS

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